AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION AND ABSTRACT:

Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

At page 1, line 1 of the specification, immediately after the title, please add the following paragraph:

This application is a national stage application from International Application No. PCT/FR2003/03708, filed December 12, 2003, which claims priority to French Application Nos. FR 02/15737, filed on December 12, 2002; FR 02/15738, filed on December 12, 2002; and FR 02/15739, filed on December 12, 2002, the contents of all of which are herein incorporated by reference.

Abstract:

Please delete the originally filed abstract and replace it with the substitute abstract provided in the attached Appendix A.